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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-38, 40, 42-51, 53, 55-65, 69-79, 83, 86 and 88 have been canceled. New claims 91-95 have been presented. Therefore, Claims 39, 41, 52, 54, 66-68, 80, 82, 84-85, 87, 89-95 are pending in the application, of which claims 66-68 have been withdrawn.

Claims 85 and 90 have been indicated to be allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 39 to include portions of claims 84 and 85. Claim 39 is amended to recite that the "tube is attached to the plate" instead of reciting that the "tube is permanently attached to the plate" as recited in claim 84. Furthermore, in amending claim 39, Applicant has not included the limitation "a handle connected to the stem" as recited in claim 85. Applicant believes that the noted limitations of claims 84 and 85 that have not been added to claim 39 are unnecessary for the allowability of claim 85.

Applicant has amended claim 52 to include limitations of claims 89 and 90, except for the above discussed limitations which have been excluded because Applicant believes that they are unnecessary for the allowability of claim 90.

Applicant has amended claims 41, 54, 82, 84-85 and 89-90 so that these claims conform with the language of claims 39 and 52 as amended. Applicant has added new claim 91 which depends on claim 52 and is similar to claim 80. Additionally, Applicant has presented new claims 92 and 94, which recite that the tube is hollow, and claims 93 and 95, which recite that the tube is a solid filled tube. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that claims 39, 41, 52, 54, 80, 82, 84-85, 87, 89-95 are now in condition for allowance.

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